

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Kazunori MATSUMOTO :  
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:  
Filed: March 26, 2001 : Examiner:  
For: INDUSTRIAL ROBOT AND METHOD OF OPERATING SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 7, lines 1-3, please change "The industrial robot of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said second path is disposed so as to be freely connectable to said manipulator." to --The industrial robot of claim 1, wherein said second path is disposed so as to be freely connectable to said manipulator.--

Please insert the following claims:

--14. The industrial robot of claim 2, wherein said second path is disposed so as to be freely connectable to said manipulator.

15. The industrial robot of claim 3, wherein said second path is disposed so as to be freely connectable to said manipulator.

16. The industrial robot of claim 4, wherein said second path is disposed so as to be freely connectable to said manipulator.

17. The industrial robot of claim 5, wherein said second path is disposed so as to be freely connectable to said manipulator.

18. The industrial robot of claim 6, wherein said second path is disposed so as to be freely connectable to said manipulator.--

#### REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 7 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee and to insert additional dependent claims corresponding to the cancelled claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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